

**CLAIMS**

What is Claimed is:

- 1           1.     A combined animal information tag for providing primary and  
2     supplemental information about an animal, comprising:
  - 3           a)     a primary tag permanently attached to the animal and displaying  
4     primary information about the animal; and
  - 5           b)     a supplemental tag attached to the primary information tag for  
6     displaying supplemental information about the animal, wherein the supplemental  
7     tag comprises two arms each having a first end and a second end, the first ends  
8     terminating at least proximal to each other and the second ends being connected  
9     to each other; a cavity between the two arms sized to conform to a selected  
10    portion of the primary tag; and an egress means between the first ends through  
11    which the primary tag can pass into the cavity.
- 1           2.     The combined animal information tag as claimed in Claim 1, wherein  
2     the supplemental tag is a generally looped-shaped member having two generally  
3     parallel elongated sections and two generally short sections.
- 1           3.     The combined animal information tag as claimed in Claim 2, wherein  
2     the egress means is located on one of the elongated sections.
- 1           4.     The combined animal information tag as claimed in Claim 2, wherein  
2     the egress means is located on one of the short sections.
- 1           5.     The combined animal information tag as claimed in Claim 2, wherein  
2     the elongated sections transition into the short sections and the egress means is  
3     located at a transition.
- 1           6.     The combined animal information tag as claimed in Claim 2, wherein  
2     the elongated sections transition into the short sections and the egress means is  
3     located proximal to a transition.
- 1           7.     The combined animal information tag as claimed in Claim 2, wherein  
2     the short sections are curved sections and the looped-shaped member is  
3     generally oval-shaped.
- 1           8.     The combined animal information tag as claimed in Claim 1, wherein  
2     the first ends abut one another.

1           9.     The combined animal information tag as claimed in Claim 1, wherein  
2 at least one of the first ends of the arms has a tooth structure.

1           10.    The combined animal information tag as claimed in Claim 1, wherein  
2 at least one of the arms is sufficiently flexible to allow one arm to flex away from  
3 the other arm so as to allow the supplemental tag to slide over the primary tag.

1           11.    The combined animal information tag as claimed in Claim 1, wherein  
2 the supplemental information regarding the animal is indicated by placing at least  
3 one color indicator on the supplemental tag.

1           12.    The combined animal information tag as claimed in Claim 11,  
2 wherein the entire supplemental tag is a single color to indicate the supplemental  
3 information regarding the animal.

1           13.    The combined animal information tag as claimed in Claim 1, wherein  
2 the supplemental information regarding the animal is contained in a computer chip  
3 attached to or a part of the supplemental tag.

1           14.    The combined animal information tag as claimed in Claim 2, wherein  
2 at least one elongated section is pivotally attached to a short section and the at  
3 least one elongated section can move between a closed position securing the  
4 supplemental tag onto the primary tag and an opened position allowing the  
5 supplemental tag to be placed on or removed from the primary tag.

1           15.    The combined animal information tag as claimed in Claim 2, wherein  
2 at least one short section is pivotally attached to an elongated section and the at  
3 least one short section can move between a closed position securing the  
4 supplemental tag onto the primary tag and an opened position allowing the  
5 supplemental tag to be placed on or removed from the primary tag.

1           16.    The combined animal information tag as claimed in Claim 1, wherein  
2 the first end of one arm comprises a first securing means and the first end of the  
3 other arm comprises a second securing means, whereby the first securing means  
4 and the second securing means cooperate with each other to secure the  
5 supplemental tag onto the primary tag.

1           17.    The combined animal information tag as claimed in Claim 16,  
2 wherein the two arms define a unitary planar structure capable of being folded,

3 whereby when the unitary planar structure is folded, the cavity is formed between  
4 the two arms and the first securing means and the second securing means come  
5 into proximity with each other.

1 18. The combined animal information tag as claimed in Claim 17,  
2 wherein the first securing means is a prong and the second securing means is a  
3 hole, whereby the prong is inserted into the hole to secure the supplemental tag  
4 about the primary tag.

1 19. The combined animal information tag as claimed in Claim 1, wherein  
2 the primary tag is an ear tag comprising a permanent tag body having a first  
3 planar dimension and a permanent tag neck having a second planar dimension  
4 smaller than the first planar dimension, and the supplemental tag is attached to  
5 the primary tag around the permanent tag body or permanent tag neck.

1 20. The combined animal information tag as claimed in Claim 1, wherein  
2 the primary tag is an ankle tag comprising a permanent tag body having a first  
3 planar dimension, and the supplemental tag is attached to the primary tag around  
4 the permanent tag body.

1 21. A method for displaying primary and supplemental information about  
2 an animal, comprising the steps of: ✓

3 a) permanently attaching a primary tag to the animal and displaying  
4 primary information about the animal on the primary tag; and

5 b) removably attaching a supplemental tag to the primary information  
6 tag for displaying supplemental information about the animal,

7 wherein the supplemental tag comprises two arms each having a first end  
8 and a second end, the first ends terminating at least proximal to each other and  
9 the second ends being connected to each other; a cavity between the two arms  
10 sized to conform to a selected portion of the primary tag; and an egress means  
11 between the first ends through which the primary tag can pass into the cavity.

1 22. A method for displaying supplemental information about an animal  
2 by removably attaching a supplemental tag to a primary information tag ✓  
3 permanently attached to the animal, wherein the primary tag displays primary  
4 information about the animal and the supplemental tag displays supplemental

5 information about the animal, wherein the supplemental tag comprises two arms  
6 each having a first end and a second end, the first ends terminating at least  
7 proximal to each other and the second ends being connected to each other; a  
8 cavity between the two arms sized to conform to a selected portion of the primary  
9 tag; and an egress means between the first ends through which the primary tag  
10 can pass into the cavity.